

Ripley County Commissioners Meeting

September 27, 2024

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mark Horstman, President, Chris Schmaltz, Kendall Hankins, John Ertel, Attorney, and Amy Copeland, Auditor.

Maintenance – Craig Herbert

Mr. Herbert talked about the flooring for the jail. DC Premium Flooring LLC sent pictures via text and Global Epoxy Plus sent pictures via email. The Commissioners agreed on the quote from DC Premium Flooring, LLC of \$19,200.00. The Commissioners are going to take to council for an appropriation to pay out of the jail LIT public safety tax.

Mr. Herbert needs to buy some wire \$329.97 for 3 spools. The Commissioners told him to go ahead and purchase the wire.

Mr. Herbert stated that he had complaints about the weeds at the new 911 tower on 200 south. The Commissioners told him to spray the weeds at the 911 tower on 200 south.

The ride company is using the water from the courthouse water spicket. The Commissioners told Mr. Herbert to just leave it on but they do need to ask.

Sheriff – Rob Bradley

The Sheriff was in about the sale of a car to South Ripley Community School. The car had a lot of major issues about a month after selling it. The Sheriff is wanting to trade the car out with another car that has come up to sell.

They are trading a 2018 with a 2019. The Sheriff is going to write the county a check for \$6,000.00 out of commissary for the vehicle.

The Sheriff brought a quote for \$5,516.32 from Securitas Technology for a new computer at the jail for security cameras. This is going to be paid out of the Riverboat Belterra.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the \$5,516.32 for a new computer for the security cameras out of Riverboat Belterra, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

The Sheriff also wanted to recognize the highway department with the help of doing maintenance on the cars for the sheriff's department.

Highway – Jason Edwards

Mr. Edwards is wanting to extend the RS2 contract with Asphalt Materials. The Commissioners stated that it should be bid out due to more than one company bidding the RS2 material.

Jason has 2 unofficial road detours.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve both unofficial detours.

1. Closer of SR 62 between 4/1/25 – 8/31/25. The unofficial detour is CR 900 S and CR 525 E.
2. Closer of SR 350 between 9/1/25 – 10/31/25. The unofficial detour is CR 500 E, CR 300 N, and CR 400 E.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards stated they started fixing the drains in Friendship.

Mr. Edwards stated that they are cleaning bridges and the farmers are using the bridges to attach the fence too. The Commissioners stated if it is embedding the water flow to address it, but if not, it is ok. The inspections start on October 1, 2024.

Veregy – Art Noel

Mr. Noel gave an update on the courthouse renovation. Mr. Noel is going to talk to the office holders about the color scheme of the courthouse walls, doors, and trim.

General Public – Beth Duncan

Ms. Duncan was in to talk to the Commissioners about the stop sign at Brownstown and Millhousen Road. She was in about the signs that people were putting on the stop sign. Ms. Duncan is stating that she is being harassed due to the stop sign being put up. Ms. Duncan stated that Sheriff Bradley stated she was dramatic. The Sheriff stated they he has done things just not to her liking.

EMA – James Coffey

Mr. Coffey was in with an emergency plan for the Pumpkin show.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the September 13, 2024 meeting minutes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the payroll and claims, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

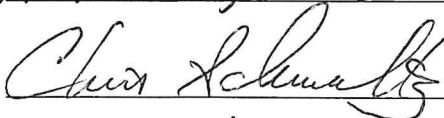
Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to approve the 2025 yearly schedules that include the Commissioner Schedule, Holiday Schedule, Payroll Schedule, and Accounts Payable Schedule, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the certification regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion policy, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.


Motion: Commissioner Schmaltz made the motion to approve the ordinance vacating a public way pursuant to a petition filed by Heidelberg Materials Midwest Agg, Inc for 1,359.94 foot portion of county road 350 South, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Chris Schmaltz, **Seconded by** Kendall Hankins. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Hankins made the motion to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kendall Hankins, **Seconded by** Chris Schmaltz. Motion passed unanimously.

 Mark Horstman, President

 Chris Schmaltz

 Kendall Hankins

Assts:  Amy R Copeland-Ripley County Auditor